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In re Application of
Thomas C. Kuracina, et al
Serial No.: 09/144,398
Filed: August 31, 1998
For: Needle Tip Guard For Hypodermic
Needles

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: PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
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This is in response to applicants' Petition filed August 22, 2000, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d), based on prospective manufacture.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, II. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Carol Lake by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 3700/2900, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0873 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3139.

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